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Dear Mr. Turcic:

On behalf of the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and as required by 42 C.F.R. pt. 83.17(c), I am notifying you of the final effect of the HHS decision to designate a class of employees at the Linde Ceramics Plant, in Tonawanda, New York, as an addition to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000. On December 8, 2005, as provided for under 42 U.S.C. 7384q(b), the Secretary of HHS designated the following class of employees as an addition to the SEC:

Atomic weapons employees who worked at the Linde Ceramics Plant from October 1, 1942, through October 31, 1947, and who were employed for a number of work days aggregating at least 250 work days occurring within the parameters (excluding aggregate work day requirements) established for other classes of employees included in the SEC.

This designation became effective on January 7, 2006, as provided for under 42 U.S.C. 7384l(14)(C). Hence, beginning on January 7, 2006, members of this class of employees, defined as reported in this notice, became members of the Special Exposure Cohort.

Sincerely,

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Director
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